

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a document protecting system, a distributor terminal implementing a document protecting program obtains an encryption key to encrypt a document file, associates a print request to the document file, and encrypts the document file by the encryption key. And a  
5 user terminal implementing a document printing program obtains a decryption key of document file being encrypted, decrypts the document file based on the obtained decryption key, obtains a print requirement associated with the document file, and executes a printing process so as to satisfy the print requirement.